THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SWAMI CHINMAYANAND): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) No claims for compensation in lieu of the properties left behind by Displaced Persons from PoK have been invited as PoK has always been treated as an integral part of India. However, relief and rehabilitation assistance has been provided to the PoK displaced persons as per relief and rehabilitation packages announced by Government of India from time to time. The latest package was announced on 9th August, 2000 which is under implementation.

US grant for disaster management in Orissa

1609. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the US has given a grant of four million dollars for disaster management for the 20-multihazard-prone districts of Orissa, Gujarat, West Bengal, Uttaranchal and Assam; and

(b) if so, whether these State Governments have been advised to prepare action plans on priority and whether some model guidelines been issued so that valuable time is not wasted at the planning stage and monitoring mechanism is established for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SWAMI CHINMAYANAND): (a) The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) has agreed to provide a grant of US $ 4,012,535 to the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to support the Disaster Risk Management Programme taken up by the Government of India in conjunction with UNDP in 169 most multi-hazard prone districts in 17 States in the country. The USAID grant will support the programme activities for sustainable disaster risk reduction in the States and build capacities at all levels to Institutionalize the disaster risk management including preparation of disaster mitigation, preparedness and response plans in 20 of the most multihazard prone districts in Orissa, West Bengal, Gujarat, Uttaranchal and Assam.

(b) The concerned State Governments have been advised to focus *inter alia* on development of disaster mitigation, preparedness and response plans at State, district, block, village, ward and urban local bodies level. The State nodal agencies have been provided with necessary guidelines as well as appropriate human resource support by UNDP to facilitate implementation of the programme. The progress of implementation of the programme is reviewed/monitored periodically in the Ministry and the respective State Governments.

Increase in terrorism activities in J&K

1610. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that terrorist activities in Jammu and Kashmir and other States have increased during last few months;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that terrorists have become emboldened to target the security forces;

(d) whether Government have identified the Groups responsible for the same; and

(e) if so, the steps taken to liquidate them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) No, Sir. There has not been any increase in the terrorist violence in J and K during last three months (Sept.-Nov., 2003) as compared to preceding months (Jun.-Aug., 2003) as is clear from the below mentioned figures received from the State Government:

Period	Terrorist Incidents	Civilians Killed	SFs Killed
Jun.-Aug., 03	984	219*	102
Sept.-Nov., 03	912	207*	95

*(including members of Village Defence Committees and Special Police Officers)

(b) Question does not arise.